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SUBJECT: TOURE'S COMMENTS ON HORN OF AFRICA

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1. DEPARTMENT INTERESTED IN PRESIDENT TOURE'S REMARKS
ON HORN OF AFRICA WHICH APPARENTLY CRITICIZE SOVIET IN-

VOLVEMENT. WOULD APPRECIATE POST CLOSELY FOLLOWING GUINEA'S POSITION ON THIS ISSUE BECAUSE CLEAR OPPOSITION TO SOVIET INVOLVEMENT IN THE HORN FROM LONG TIME SOVIET FRIEND LIKE TOURE MIGHT WELL HAVE SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON AFRICAN AND INTERNATIONAL OPINION.

2. SINCE TOURE DID NOT MENTION SOVIETS IN HIS REMARKS CAN WE BE SURE THAT HE MIGHT NOT HAVE BEEN DIRECTING HIS REMARKS TOWARDS US. SOMALIA'S DESIRE FOR U.S. ASSISTANCE IS PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE.

3. TOURE HAS MADE NO MENTION OF CUBAN AND SOVIET PRESENCE IN ANGOLA AND CUBAN FLIGHTS CARRYING MILITARY SOVIET PERSONNEL TO ANGOLA CONTINUE TO TRANSIT CONAKRY. ONLY APPARENT EXPLANATION FOR THIS INCONSISTENCY WITH TOURE'S POSSIBLE OPPOSITION TO SOVIET INVOLVEMENT IN THE HORN WOULD BE THAT HE DIFFERENTIATES BETWEEN SOVIETS AND CUBANS BEING INVOLVED WITH ONE COUNTRY ALONE AND SOVIET INVOLVEMENT WITH ONE AFRICAN COUNTRY AGAINST ANOTHER IN A BOUNDARY DISPUTE.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE POST OPINION AS TO POSSIBLE FRUITFULNESS OF APPROACHING GUINEAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OR OTHER APPROPRIATE POINT IN GOG ON THIS ISSUE. VANCE

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